

B O R O U G H O F L I S K E A R D

THE
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR
1972.

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D.P.H.

B O R O U G H O F L I S K E A R D

To: THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN and COUNCILLORS OF THE BOROUGH OF LISKEARD.

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The estimated population of No. 7 Health Area on the 30th June, 1972, was 56,480. This represented an increase of 1,290 over the corresponding figure for 1971. In the Liskeard Rural District and the Borough of Saltash the increase was 340, in Torpoint Urban District 280, in St. Germans Rural District 270, and in the Borough of Liskeard 70. In the Looe Urban District an insignificant decrease of 10 in the population was recorded.

Live births registered during 1972 totalled 823, a reduction of 32 on the high figure of the previous year. The corrected birth rate at 16.1 per 1,000 of population was 1.3 per 1,000 above the national rate. Illegitimate births totalled 62 representing 7.5% of all live births, the same percentage as in 1971. The rate for still births was slightly under the national figure and that for infant mortality slightly above the national rate. Of the 16 infants dying under one year of age 9 were lost in the critical first four weeks after birth. No death attributable to maternal causes occurred during the year.

Deaths totalling 781 showed an increase of 2 on the 1971 figure, and produced a corrected rate of 11.5 per 1,000 of population to set against the national rate of 12.1. A breakdown of the principal causes of death again showed heart disease to be the most common cause of death being responsible for 37% of all deaths. Next in order cancer caused 21% of all deaths and as is usual now cancer of the lung and windpipe was the most prevalent single type of that generally fatal disease. Of the 781 persons who died during 1972 some 386 or 49% had reached or exceeded the age of 75 years at the time of death.

During 1972 the incidence of notifiable disease was comparatively light with a total of 81 cases being notified. Of this total 70 were due to measles. Of the more serious forms of notifiable disease there was one case only - a meningococcal meningitis. The patient involved suffered a severe fulminating attack of this infection and outcome was unfortunately fatal.

As far as tuberculosis was concerned the year 1972 was an uncommonly good one during which two new cases only were notified. One was a respiratory infection of a 24 year old female, the other a non-respiratory infection of a 91 year old male. During the year 3 deaths were attributed to respiratory tuberculosis. All three persons concerned, two male and one female, were aged 75 years or more at the time of death.

The vital statistics used in making up the Annual Report are received during April and early May of the year following that to which the report refers. Thus the statistics setting out deaths during 1972 were received on the 10th April, 1973 whilst those relating to live births, still births, and infant deaths did not come to hand until the 2nd May, 1973. Until these statistics are received it is not possible to commence the preparation of an Annual Report which would be of any real value to the District Council to which it is addressed, or to those Departments of the Government which receive copies of the Report. However, under arrangements for the restructuring of Local Government the six County District Councils to whom since 1948 I have submitted Annual Reports will at the end of March 1974 cease to exist in their

present form, and their functions and duties will be taken over by the new large Caradon District Council which, already in existence in shadow form, will become fully operative on the 1st April, 1974. At that same time in 1974 the appointment I now hold as Medical Officer of Health will cease to exist. With this combination of circumstances it would seem to me difficult if not impossible, and something of a pointless and un-necessary exercise to produce in the summer of 1974 six Annual Reports for 1973 direct to District Councils which no longer exist. Moreover my personal circumstances are such that if a scheme for early retirement to be operated in conjunction with the National Health Service Reorganisation legislation came in effect, I would very likely retire on or before the 31st March, 1974.

From what I have written in the paragraph immediately preceeding this it appears to me possible and indeed probable that this is the final Annual Report I shall be submitting to you. At the time of writing I have served for just over 25 years as Medical Officer of Health to the six County Districts in South-East Cornwall and it seems an appropriate time to offer to the Members and Officers of those Councils my sincere thanks for the support and understanding I have had from them over the years.

I have the honour to be,

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen

Your obedient Servant,

P. J. FOX.

Medical Officer of Health.

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LISKEARD BOROUGH COUNCIL

HEALTH COMMITTEE - 1972/73

Councillor S.R. George	-	Chairman
Alderman S.W.E. Salter	-	Vice-Chairman
Alderman Mrs. E.G. Clemo		
Councillor L.G. Davey		
Councillor Mrs. S. Dennis		
Councillor J. Haworth		
Councillor N.A. Pampling		
Councillor T.O.S. Sivell		
Councillor P.S. Tank		

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Additional Health Inspector:

C. Barrett, M.A.P.H.I. From: 1/5/72.

Meat Inspector:

P.Mobbs Up to 1/ 4/72.

Office Staff:

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BOROUGH OF LISKEARD.

Area of Borough	2,704 Acres
Population	5,320
Number of Inhabited Houses	2,032
Rateable Value	£200,962
Product of Penny Rate	£1,870

VITAL STATISTICS FOR: 1972.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Live Births	31	39	70

Liskeard M.B. Health Area No.7. England & Wales.

Birth rate per 1,000 of population	15.6	16.1	14.8
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	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Still Births	1	-	1

Liskeard M.B. Health Area No.7. England & Wales.

Still birth rate per 1,000 total births	14.0	11.0	12.0
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	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Deaths	52	63	115

Liskeard M.B. Health Area No.7. England & Wales.

Death rate per 1,000 of population	10.4	11.5	12.1
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Principal Causes of Death at All Ages:

Heart Disease	46
Stroke	23
Cancer (all sites)	17
Respiratory disease	9
Circulatory disease	6

Of the 70 live births 8 were illegitimate - a percentage of 11.4 as compared with 7.5% for the Health Area. Of those who died during 1972 some 60% had reached or exceeded the age of 75 years at the time of death.

Notifiable Disease (other than Tuberculosis).

One case only of Meningococcal infection in a 55 year old woman led to a fulminating meningitis with septicaemia which unfortunately proved rapidly fatal.

Tuberculosis.

After the relatively high incidence of new cases of this disease in 1971, it is reassuring to be able to report that in 1972 no new cases were notified.

At the end of 1972 there were 7 known cases of respiratory tuberculosis and 2 known cases of other forms of tuberculosis resident in the Borough.

National Assistance Act, 1948.

No action under Section 47 of this Act was called for during the year.

Water Supply.

A generally adequate supply of wholesome water was provided by the East Cornwall Water Board.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

The problem here continues to be the lack of adequate means for drying sludge and the solution of this difficulty must await the completion of the sludge drying plant which is now in course of construction.

Food:

Reasonably good standards of food hygiene were maintained in food shops and catering establishments during the year.

No cases of food poisoning came to notice during the year.

Report of Chief Public Health Inspector:

This Report by Mr. J.K.Inman follows. I am grateful to Mr.Inman for the assistance and support I have had from him throughout the year.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH
INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR ENDED: 31st December,
1972.

TO:

THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN and COUNCILLORS
OF THE CORPORATION OF THE BOROUGH OF LISKEARD.

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I should like to express my gratitude to Dr.P.J.Fcx for the advice and guidance which he has afforded me throughout the year. My thanks also to Mr. P. Mobbs and Mr. C. Barrett who have assisted me and ensured the smooth and efficient running of the Meat Inspection Service.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J.K. INMAN.

1. WATER SUPPLIES:

Headings (A) to (D) below are in respect of items on which the Department of Health and Social Security specifically requested information.

(A) The Borough's mains water, supplied by the East Cornwall Water Board, was entirely satisfactory in quality and quantity as in previous years.

(B) No form of contamination of public water supplies was discovered this year.

(C) Public Mains Water Supply was provided direct into 2008 domestic premises, having an approximate population of 5,236 persons.

No Public Mains Water Supply is provided by stand-pipe to domestic premises.

(D) The Fluorine content of the Public Mains Water Supply averages 0.1 P.P.M. which is below the amount considered adequate to maintain Dental Health.

(E) There are 9 Private Water Supplies within the Borough, serving 24 Dwellings and 84 persons. Nine samples were taken for bacteriological examinations and 9 were found satisfactory. Advice on boiling and filtration of drinking water has been given. Standards of untreated water supplies vary considerably with changes in the weather and land usage and such supplies should always be regarded as suspect.

2. SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL:

The Sewerage system has operated successfully throughout the year.

The Sewage Disposal Works has in general operated satisfactorily. However, the problems of the occasional flooding of the Humus Tanks and surcharge of solids from the Cattle Market still remain.

The Major problem of sludge disposal awaits the provision of funds for a Mechanical Sludge Drying Plant.

3. HOUSING:

Discretionary Grants:

Conversions:

Applications approved:	3
Amount approved:	£4238
Grants paid:	5
Amount paid:	£3961

Conversion Grants have added 5 dwellings to the stock of Private Housing.

Improvements:

Applications approved:	24
Amount approved:	£18,020
Grants paid:	7
Amount paid:	£ 6,626

Improvement Grants in two cases have saved dwellings which, by reason of disrepair, would have been lost from the stock of Private Housing.

Standard Grants:

Applications approved:	7
Normal limit:	6
Higher limit:	1
Amount approved:	£1661
Grants paid:	6
Amount paid:	£978

Amenities provided "All Grants".

Fixed baths or showers:	16
Wash basins:	10
Internal W.C.'s	10
Hot Water Supplies:	14
Sinks:	3
Provision of Bathroom:	8
Provision of piped water or Septic tank:	3

Improvement of Council Properties, with Grant assistance - 4 Council Houses were improved by internal re-arrangement and provision of full amenities.

New Houses Completed:

(a) Local Authority Housing:

No Local Authority Housing was constructed during the year.

(b) Private Housing:

Number of dwellings completed:	26
Number in hand at end of year	80

4. BUILDING PROPOSALS:

146 Applications were received under the Building Regulations, relating not only to the erection of new buildings but alterations and additions to existing ones.

155 Applications under Planning Acts were dealt with for the purpose of making observations.

5. PUBLIC CLEANSING:

The volume of refuse collected in the Borough during the year has shown a 12% increase over the volume of refuse collected in 1971 - this is very close to the estimated National figure. Since 1969 accurate records have been kept in the Borough. The annual average volume increase in refuse has been 13%. If this trend continued the volume of refuse collected would double every 6 years.

The population increase is only just over 2% per annum and Trade refuse from Business Premises remains constant.

It can be concluded that the increasing volume of refuse arises from domestic sources resulting from the decline in the use of solid fuel heating appliances and the increase in non-returnable packaging materials.

6. PEST CONTROL:

Rat and Mouse infestation has remained generally slight.

No. of Infestations: Non-argicultural - 20 Agricultural - 0

Sewer Treatments: Takes were recorded at 35 manholes and treatment carried out.

Advice on rat proofing and control was given to 5 business premises.

Insect infestations were slight - 12 treatments were carried out.

7. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES:

Headings (A) to (C) below are in respect of items on which the Department of Health and Social Security specifically requested information to be included in the Annual Report.

(A) MILK SUPPLIES - BRUCELLA ABORTUS:

Raw Milk Sampling is undertaken by the County Council.

No reports have been received or action taken.

(B) FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1960:

The number of premises subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960 is given below. They are grouped in categories according to the main food business at any food premises.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Complies Reg.16</u>	<u>Application Reg.19</u>	<u>Complies Reg.19</u>
General Provisions	16	16	16	16
Wholesale Fruit and Vegetables	1	-	1	1 (B2)
Retail Fruit and Vegetable Shops	6	6	6	6 (B2)
Retail Fruit and Vegetable Stalls	1	-	1	-
Butchers	8	8	8	8
Wholesale Sweets	1	1	-	-
Retail Sweets	5	5	5	5
Ice Cream Manufacturer	1	1	1	1
Fish Shops	1	1	1	1 (B2)

7. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES (B) -

Continued:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Complies Reg.16</u>	<u>Application Reg.19</u>	<u>Complies Reg.19</u>
Dairy	4	1	1	1 (B2)
Bake Houses	4	4	1	1
Cafes	7	7	1	1
Licensed Hotel Restaurants	4	4	4	4
Public Houses	8	8	8	8
School Meals Kitchen	1	1	1	1
Schools Serving Meals	4	4	4	4
Factory Canteen	1	1	1	1

(C) POULTRY INSPECTION:

There are no Poultry Processing Premises within the Borough.
Approximately 200 lbs of pre-packed frozen Poultry was condemned.

GENERAL:

Two samples of Cream and four samples of Ice-cream were taken -
All were satisfactory.

Six cases of unsatisfactory foodstuffs were investigated and
action taken.

Foods Surrendered or Condemned:

	<u>lbs.</u>
Raw Meat - Wholesale	458
Raw Meat - Retail	660
Cooked or prepared Meat	25
Canned Meat	67
Other Canned foods	560
Frozen foods	1010
Other foods	<u>90</u>
	<u>2870</u>

8. MEAT INSPECTION AND SLAUGHTERHOUSE SUPERVISION:

The total number of animals killed has shown a decrease on last
year, particularly in respect of Sheep and Lamb.

Liskeard is a convenient centre for the slaughter of Reactor
animals, which are sent in by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries
& Food.

8. MEAT INSPECTION AND SLAUGHTERHOUSE SUPERVISION - continued:

Tuberculosis Order 1964	-	50
Brucellosis Eradication Schemes	-	68

9. COMMON LODGING HOUSES:

There are no common lodging houses within the Borough. (The above information is specifically required by the Department of Health and Social Security).

10. OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963:

<u>Class of Premises:</u>	<u>No. of Prems. Regd. during 1971</u>	<u>No. of Prems. Regd at the end of 1971</u>	<u>No. of Premises Inspected</u>
Offices	2	34	17
Retail Shops	3	60	29
Wholesale Warehouses		5	1
Catering Premises		10	2
Fuel Storage		2	1
Total	5	111	50

Number of visits of all kinds including general inspections - 129

Persons Employed in Registered Premises:

<u>Class of Work Place</u>	<u>No. Employed</u>
offices:	334
Retail Shops:	225
Wholesale:	12
Catering Premises:	36
Fuel Storage:	<u>7</u>
Total:	614
Males:	299
Females:	315

Analysis of Contraventions:

<u>Nature of Contraventions:</u>	<u>No:</u>
Lack of Cleanliness	6
Lack of adequate Sanitary Accommodation	3
Defective Floors, Passages, Stairs	<u>3</u>
	<u>12</u>

LOCAL AUTHORITY LISKEARD BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEAT INSPECTION RETURN FOR YEAR ENDING: 31/12/72

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Number killed:	2260	371	66	17,720	14,293
Number inspected:	2260	371	66	17,720	14,293
All diseases except Cysticercosis and Tuberculosis ...					
(a) Whole carcase condemned:	14	26	11	77	36
(b) Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned:	201	188	25	2,384	3,024
Tuberculosis only ...					
(a) Whole carcase condemned:	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned:	1	13	-	-	70
Cysticercosis only ...					
(a) Whole carcase condemned:	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned:	2	4	-	-	-

GROSS WEIGHT OF MEAT CONDEMNED:

22,39 TONS

730063/CPHI

APPENDIX 1.

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH - ALL AGES - 1972.

DISEASE	ST. GERMANS R.D.	LISKEARD R.D.	SALTASH M.B.	TORPOINT U.D.	LISKEARD M.B.	LOOE UD.	HEALTH AREA NO. 7.
Heart Disease.	76	66	47	29	46	27	291 (37%)
Cancer (all sites)	51	45	28	9	17	10	160 (21%)
Stroke.	21	20	23	9	23	10	106 (14%)
Respiratory disease.	24	16	14	5	9	3	71
Circulatory disease.	16	10	3	-	6	7	42
Accidents.	6	11	3	3	4	1	28 #
Digestive disease	3	6	1	-	-	2	12

includes 10 motor vehicle accidents.

APPENDIX 2.

TYPES OF HEART DISEASE AND CANCER CAUSING DEATH - 1972.

TYPE OF DISEASE	ST. GERMANS R.D.	LISKEARD R.D.	SALTASH M.B.	TORPOINT U.D.	LISKEARD M.B.	LOOE U.D.	HEALTH AREA NO. 7.
Ischaemic heart disease.	60.	64	37	22	44	20	247
Rheumatic heart disease.	3	-	1	2	1	1	8
Hypertensive disease.	4	-	1	1	-	1	7
Other heart disease.	9	2	8	4	1	5	29
Cancer of lung/bronchus	7	12	6	2	4	2	33
Cancer of intestine	8	6	5	3	2	1	25
Cancer of stomach	6	4	-	1	-	2	13
Cancer of breast	5	4	1	-	2	1	13
Cancer of uterus	6	1	1	-	-	-	8
Other cancers	19	18	15	3	9	4	68

APPENDIX 3.

DEATHS BY AGE GROUPS - 1972.

DISTRICT.	0-4 years	5-14 years	15-44 years	45-64 years	65-74 years	75 years and over	All ages.
ST.GERMANS R.D.	5	1	4	42	53	114	219
LISKEARD R.D.	1	-	6	40	60	85	192
SALTASH M.B.	11	-	4	22	28	69	134
TORPOINT U.D.	-	1	2	16	15	25	59
LISKEARD M.B.	3	-	4	14	25	69	115
LOOE U.D.	-	-	1	14	23	24	62
HEALTH AREA NO. 7.	20	2	21	148	204	386 (49%)	781

APPENDIX 4.TUBERCULOSIS.NEW CASES IN HEALTH AREA NO. 7 - 1972.

<u>AGE GROUPS.</u>	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>	<u>PERSONS.</u>
0 - 4 years	-	-	-
5 - 14 years	-	-	-
15 - 24 years	-	1	1
25 - 44 years	-	-	-
45 - 64 years	-	-	-
65 years and over	1	-	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>	<u>PERSONS</u>
New case rate per 1,000 of population	0.018	0.018	0.036

CASE RATES AND MORTALITY RATES IN COUNTY DISTRICTS IN HEALTH AREA NO. 7 - 1972.

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>NEW CASES</u>	<u>ALL KNOWN CASES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
St. Germans R.D.	-	0.84	-
Liskeard R.D.	-	0.61	-
Saltash M.B.	0.19	1.07	0.10
Torpoint U.D.	-	0.90	0.15
Liskeard M.B.	-	1.13	0.19
Looe U.D.	-	1.24	-
Health Area No. 7.	0.04	0.89	0.05
Cornwall County	0.17	2.09	0.03

APPENDIX 5CANCER OF THE LUNG AND BRONCHUS
DEATHS BY AGE GROUPS - 1972

<u>AGE GROUP</u>	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>	<u>PERSONS</u>
35 - 44 years	1	-	1
45 - 54 years	1	-	1
55 - 64 years	10	1	11
65 - 74 years	8	3	11
75 years and over	5	4	9
	<u>25</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>33</u>

DEATH RATE PER 1,000 OF POPULATION - 1972.

	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>	<u>PERSONS</u>
Health Area No. 7.	0.443	0.142	0.585
Cornwall County	0.412	0.130	0.542
England and Wales	0.525	0.120	0.645

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT
OF THE YEAR 1972 FOR THE BOROUGH OF LISKEARD IN THE COUNTY OF
CORNWALL

Prescribed particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act,
1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises:	Number on Register:	Inspections:	Number of Written Notices:	Occupiers Prosecuted:
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	30	10		
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	43	31	2	
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Out- workers' Premises)	3	10	6	
TOTAL:	76	51	8	

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found:

Particulars:	Number of cases in which defects were found:				No. of cases in which Prosecutions were instituted:
	Found:	Remedied:	Referred:		(6)
			To H.M.	By H.M.	
			Insp. (4)	Insp. (5)	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
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Want of cleanliness (S.1)	8	8		1	
Overcrowding (S.2)					
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)					
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	1	1		1	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	3	3			
Sanitary Convenience (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3		1	
(c) Not separate for sexes					
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	5	5			
TOTAL:	20	20		3	
: No notification in respect of Out-workers were received.					

No notification in respect of Out-workers were received.

